



Brownies in the mid 1950s at St John's CE Primary School in Kearsley where they performed regular concerts

# Two Sandras are still going strong

THIS photograph was taken in the mid 1950s at St John's CE Primary School in Kearsley.

It shows Sandra Ashton (nee Bennion) and Sandra Blyth (nee Slater) who used to help with the Brownies, under the guidance of Norma Rushton, presenting regular concerts at the school.

Sandra Ashton provided the music and Sandra Blyth taught the children the songs. The pair met at

St John's Primary when they were five-years-old and became firm friends, moving to George Tomlinson Secondary School at the age of 11.

"We were in the Brownies for several years and loved taking part in the concerts and teaching the younger children the music and movements.

"We were both involved in music from a very early age. Sandra took piano lessons and eventually taught piano and I took

piano and singing lessons, taking part in competitions and festivals.

"In 1967 we both joined Farnworth AODS," says Sandra Blyth.

After more than 50 years the women, who are now 71-years-old, are still involved in amateur theatre.

They are also members of The Entertainers, a group that sing in venues around Bolton. They are members of Farnworth Performing Arts and

rehearse each week in St John's School bringing back "many happy memories," says Sandra.

Sandra Blyth is the production co-ordinator for the group's next production of *Carousel* which is on at The Albert Halls, Bolton from Wednesday April 9 To Saturday, April 12.

For tickets ring 01204 62364 or the Albert Halls Box Office on 01204 334400.

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